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1. An Austrian businessman was recently visited by a Yugoslav engineer, who is allegedly working in Vienna under direct orders from Belgrade. * This Yugoslav engineer is interested in resuming trade relations with Czechoslovakia on an unofficial basis. He claims that the Yugoslav Government is anxious to do business with the Czechs, and he believes that the Czechs are reluctant only because they fear Soviet reprisal. He suggests that if the Czechs are persuaded to trade with Yugoslavia, both parties use the free port of Linz s/d Donau as the delivery point.
2. According to this engineer, the Yugoslavs urgently need and wish to procure the power excavators specified in the Czech-Yugoslav Trade Treaty, all types of small size machine tools, including lathes, milling machines, horizontal and vertical drills from the MAS firm in Czechoslovakia. In return, the Yugoslavs are willing to offer Czechoslovakia large quantities of lead, copper, raw and tanned hides.
3. To date, the Czechs have not been informed of this Yugoslav approach.

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